



## ***POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS***

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### **POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFERS HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS**

Carlsbad Police Department offers the following Halloween safety tips to help assure a safe and enjoyable Halloween for trick-or-treaters:

#### *Halloween preparation*

- Choose safe, comfortable costumes and shoes that do not restrict movement.
- Avoid dark-colored costumes.
- Wear make-up rather than a mask.
- Use reflective fabric or tape to improve visibility.
- Plan a Halloween party instead of trick-or-treating.
- Turn on exterior lights and remove hazardous objects from entry for trick-or-treaters

#### *Halloween day*

- Avoid trick-or-treating alone – stay with an adult or in groups.
- Stay in your own neighborhood.
- Start early in the evening.
- Carry a flashlight or a light stick.
- Carry a cellular phone.
- Stay in well-lighted areas.
- Walk on sidewalks and cross at corners or lights; do not cross mid-block.
- Avoid dark areas and houses.
- Never enter a home without parental permission, even if in a group.
- Avoid candles and open flames.
- Have parents inspect treats before eating.
- Do not eat anything that is not sealed or in its original package.
- Use extra caution driving all evening.
- Tricks – property damage or vandalism – are not acceptable.
- Report suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency.

